

Stephen J. DeBenedittis

Biography

Stephen J. “Steve” DeBenedittis, a lifelong Virginian and Herndon resident since 1968, is the Mayor of the Town of Herndon. He was first elected in 2006 and was reelected in 2008 and in 2010.

Among the initiatives launched by DeBenedittis is the establishment of the Town Association of Northern Virginia (TANV), of which he is chairman, as well as town participation in the multi-jurisdictional Coalition on Illegal Aliens, of which he also served as chairman. DeBenedittis represents the town on the Northern Virginia Regional Commission; an Inter-Jurisdictional Committee with Fairfax County; and the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA)’s Coordination and Advisory Commission. He is also a commissioner for the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement (CALEA), and he represents the town on the Herndon Dulles Visitor’s Center Board of Directors. In 2010, the Herndon Masonic Lodge honored him with its “Community Builders” Award.

Prior to assuming office, DeBenedittis was active at public hearings, testifying before the Town Council and Planning Commission on issues of importance to the community. He is active in his neighborhood association, serving as block captain on the Four Seasons Homeowners’ Association Neighborhood Watch.

DeBenedittis is a health club manager and personal trainer with One to One Fitness Center, with facilities in Tyson’s Corner and Reston. He serves as executive director of Virginia USA Powerlifting and is meet director for the annual Nation’s Capital Cup Powerlifting and Bench Press Contest.

A graduate of Herndon Elementary, Herndon Middle and Herndon High Schools, DeBenedittis earned a bachelors degree in marketing management from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He and his wife, Rosemary, live in Herndon with their two children and are active members of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church.